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1. Entire villages in Central Pomerania were evacuated recently to make room for armored, motorized infantry, and motorized field and medium-heavy artillery troops, now assembled in the area Stargard (485), Arnswalde (R13), Dramburg (R37), Schievelbein (M30), Belgard (M43), and Köslin (M45). It is rumored that an army is being formed and, according to a Soviet commander, personnel have been carefully chosen so that, in event of emergency, this alleged army would effect a Mecklenburg-Hannover breakthrough to the Ruhr.

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2. "Smaller" Russian units are stationed in a large radius around Schwerin.
3. Recent troop increases at Königsbrück (A31) are part of a plan to billet 70,000 men there temporarily. During October, a large number of older year class troops arrived, most of them belonging to armored and artillery units.
4. Wunsdorf (291) is to be used as a transit garrison for more than 30,000 men, the majority being armored troops.

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